

EDITORIAL

THE reader will note that most of the articles in this volume were received in late 1966 or early 1967, and with few exceptions, the papers have not been altered. One would naturally assume, then, that in a rapidly changing field, the data are obsolete. However, since the material has not been published in detail elsewhere, it should be valuable to most readers. Excepted, of course, are area specialists who have access to the results of significantly more recent work. (I make this explanation not to defend our late publication date, but to remove blame from the contributors for the papers' tardy appearance.)

Volume XII, a special issue on Southeast Asia, should reach publication quickly. I have been getting this issue together since 1958, and although I still lack materials from two significant countries, the volume is being edited. In its present state, then, Part I presents histories of the archaeology of most of the countries in Southeast Asia, and Part II takes stock of archaeological research in areas of Southeast Asian prehistory. Part II also presents new data from Thailand—regarding domesticated plants previous to 9000 B.C. associated with a Hoabinhian flake-tool assemblage, and, from another site in northeastern Thailand, metallurgy since about 3500 B.C. The book reviews are of recent books on Southeast Asian prehistory. I am also actively collecting material for Volume XIII.

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